



Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Rockmill Farm Bed and Breakfast

Lowesville, Virginia

Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. **Green Lodging** encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. **Green Lodging** is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Rockmill Farm Bed & Breakfast

Rockmill Farm Bed and Breakfast is located 15 minutes from Lovingstown and Amherst and 45 minutes from Charlottesville, Lexington, and Lynchburg. The manor house was built in 1824 and features two guest rooms, styled in the décor of the period. The Guest House features three bedrooms and a full kitchen. Rockmill Farm Bed and Breakfast is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Rockmill Farm Bed and Breakfast, you can expect the following practices:

- 🌱 **Optional linen service** in rooms
- 🌱 **Recycling** opportunities for guests
- 🌱 **Water Conservation**
- 🌱 **Energy conservation**
- 🌱 **Green events**



Optional Linen Service

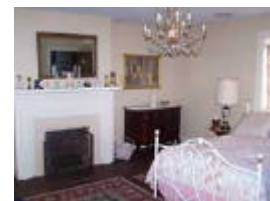
- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use linen service providers who employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning
- Use decorative basket to designate towels that need to be washed

Recycling

- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, grease, plastic, office paper, newspaper, cardboard, and fluorescent lamps
- Compost excess food waste

Waste Reduction

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Disposable containers made from recycled content
- Use cloth napkins



- Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
- Refill water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
- Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown, organic, sustainable grown produce and other foods whenever possible
- Free range chickens and no egg crates
- Milk in glass recyclable jars
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use latex paint
- Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles
- Use least toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides

Water Conservation

- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Rain barrels
- Minimization of impervious areas

Energy Conservation

- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances



For more information on **Rockmill Farm Bed and Breakfast**, see
www.rockmillfarm.com.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see
www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



Virginia Green Lodging program is a supporting partner of **Virginia Green**, the Commonwealth's campaign to encourage environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

